

From: Ward Henneberry
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 5:48 PM
Subject: Opposition to changes in Broadcast Ownership Rules

I urge you to not fix something that is not broken.

I am generally a supporter of de-regulation efforts, but the public broadcast spectrum is a very special case.

I have a broad range of interests in the arts, sciences, and politics. I enjoy being able to find local and regional outlets that not homogenized by the practices of large corporate owners.

I am concerned that my only knowledge that this issue exists is information coming from some of the sources that would likely be endangered by the proposed changes to the regulatory environment.

Sincerely,

Ward D. Henneberry

From: Bob Koelewyn
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 5:55 PM
Subject: Ownership Rule Change

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

I have received information that the FCC is considering a rule change that would allow broadcast groups to increase the number of TV stations they own. I oppose this move and ask that you keep the rules as they are. I am concerned that citizens would not be able to have an effect on local programming that might not meet community standards. Please vote against this rule change.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Koelewyn
Hanford, CA

From: Steve and Kaye Tanner
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Martin:kjmweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 5:56 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Chairman Michael K. Powell
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear Commissioners,

This is to register my opposition to the proposal to relax media ownership rules that is to be decided upon this June 2nd. I consider this to be clearly against the interests of an informed populace. Criticism is the best antidote against error. History has shown that our great nation is not immune to that. Ownership concentration will restrict the availability of voices that address public policy issues, reducing the likelihood that important critical viewpoints will be heard.

I am clearly aware of the economic benefits of a free market, but the marketplace of ideas is not an economic one. This issue clearly pits the informed interests of the people against both the propaganda interests of the state and the economic interests of large, establishmentarian corporations that are all too often willing to go along with the official line.

It is not likely that all of your descendents will enjoy positions of priveledge such as the ones you do now. They, like the rest of us, will inherit the long-term consequences of your decision. Please carefully consider exactly who you represent before deciding on this issue. Your decision will clearly indicate whose side you are on.

Respectfully,

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CC: Steve and Kaye Tanner

From: D & E
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 6:02 PM
Subject: Commission Meeting on June 2, 2003

Dear Commission Members:

I am very concerned about the upcoming vote concerning the relaxation of rules which will permit the control of TV and or Radio stations, newspapers and other media information centers to increase to 45 % (currently at 35 %).

I am AGAINST this increase as it will further increase the media control and their point of view, slant, or preference.

Thank you.

From: Jeanine Mayer
To: KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 6:28 PM
Subject: Re: Media Ownership Rules

demayer@earthlink.net wrote:

> Before you vote on June 2nd to loosen media ownership rules, please take a moment to consider what effect such a move will have on program content.

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> We know that television can be profoundly influential in the lives of innocent young children. It affects their perceptions, their world-view, their attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors. It is also a sad reality that children spend more time with the television than at any other activity except sleep. But huge mega-conglomerates aren't going to be concerned about how the programming they are putting on TV influences these impressionable youngsters. -They're only going to be looking at their profit margins.

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> Further deregulation will not mean greater opportunity for competition. Rather, it will mean the opposite: More control of the airwaves by the few, with even less accountability to the market than they demonstrate today.

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> The concept of community standards is alien to the suits in New York. Their bottom-line programming philosophy means bottom-of-the-barrel programming, and quality be hanged.

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> Locally-based station owners know better than network executives in New York and Los Angeles what is best for their communities.

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> I urge you to fully consider what is truly in the public's best interest, as opposed to what is in the best interest of a hand-full of major conglomerates. Please do not relax the media ownership rules.

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> Sincerely,

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> Jeanine Mayer

From: Robert Burchette
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 6:30 PM
Subject: 35%RULE, DECREASE IT NOT INCREASE IT

WE NEED MORE VOICES NOT FEWER....THIS IS BAD THING!!!

ROBERT BURCHETTE
520-297-4808

From: Marianne Zebrowski
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 6:35 PM
Subject: Media Ownership Regulations Deadline - June 2

Dear Mr. Powell, Ms. Abernathy, and Mr. Martin:

I am very concerned about the June 2nd deadline for submitting new regulations on media ownership to the FCC. Media consolidation may have a negative impact on the free flow of information and ideas in our democratic society. New rules should not be issued without an opportunity for the public to adequately review and discuss the proposed regulations.

Since this important issue deserves more careful review and discussion, I hope you will extend the June 2 deadline to allow more time for additional public debate on this issue.

Sincerely,

Marianne Zebrowski

From: Rob Meyer
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 6:49 PM
Subject: June 2nd meeting

Dear Chairman Powell,

As June 2nd is upon us, you have chosen not to listen to hundreds of thousands of Americans who pay your salary, and have derided their efforts time and time and time again.

I implore you to at least move back the date of the vote on further media deregulation. Now that the mainstream media are FINALLY covering this story, more and more of our legislators are realizing that the majority of their constituents do NOT favor further consolidation and increasingly monopolistic control of media outlets. Once informed of the FCC's attitudes and actions under your chairmanship, they DO want to discuss this issue further.

Please postpone the vote and listen to the comments of more citizens.

Sincerely,

Rob Meyer
Mountlake Terrace, WA

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, Mike Copps, KM
KJMWEB, Jay Inslee, Maria Cantwell, Patty Murray, George W. Bush

From: Tom & Julie Dorothy
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 6:50 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownreship

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tom Dorothy
Burlingame, Kansas 66413

From: Jim Mallas
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 6:54 PM
Subject: deregualtion

Vote against the deregulation.

From: Kristen Sterbenz
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 7:02 PM
Subject: I oppose the Broadcast Ownership Rule change

I oppose the Broadcast Ownership Rule change

It will limit the diversity of opinions and ideas, and suppress democratic ideals.

Please do not support this rule change.

Sincerely,
Kristen Sterbenz

From: Donald Clements
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 7:03 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

You have done a good job so far so please don't ruin your reputation by adopting the dangerous changes in Broadcast Ownership Rules.

Our constitutional rights to free speech are sound and came at a great cost to our servicemen and citizens....PLEASE don't dishonor our people by voting our rights away.

If the Broadcast Ownership Rules are adopted, our independent voices could and likely would be snuffed out by hugh media corporations. Our nation as we know it could cease to exist in that our peoples opinions and voices could be dominated by the media companies that decide which viewpoints to air and to censor. We have lost many of our personal freedom's since "911", please don't add to the destruction of our country by adopting the proposed changes to the Broadcast Ownership Rules.

Sincerely,
Peggy Clements

From: Curtis Fletcher
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 7:14 PM
Subject: 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review

Please register my complaint that the FCC should not under any circumstances allow companies to own a larger share of local or national markets in the communication industry. As fewer companies take a larger share of the marketplace, we the people have less reliable and unbiased news and information to choose from.

Sincerely your,

Curtis Fletcher

Castro Valley, Ca.

From: Fort Ross Interpretive Association
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 7:35 PM
Subject: June 2 Decision

It is urgent that this decision slated for June 2 be postponed, allowing for a democratic process to be pursued. Sincerely, Lake Perry and family

From: Richard Rex
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 7:35 PM
Subject: Vote on upcoming media ownership

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I am writing to urge you not to change existing rules regarding ownership of media in various markets. Not everyone wishes to subscribe to cable. Having the broadest possible ownership among the current non-cable media options ensures that divergent opinions are heard by the public. I urge you to keep the existing rules, which have served this nation well for many decades now.

Sincerely,

Ramona Bundus Rex

rexhoops@msn.com

From: Tpruiet@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 7:43 PM
Subject: regarding the voting on Mon.

Please vote with the American people in mind , and not the greedy big conglomerates, who have already been giving us such biased reporting , and poor programming , No, they do not need to buy any more of our tv, and radio companies, than they already have. I am so disgusted, that I can not receive various ideas, and views on the regular stations in Los Angeles. The programs are not entertaining, and the news reports are very, very biased. This has got to stop. or we will ,no longer watch, nor read the papers that are published. Shame on the FCC members for over looking the views of Americans . We were completely ignored when it came to receiving accurate News from Iraq, Do not vote for the Monguls to swallow up the free expression of the news , by being able to buy most of our News media!!!!!!!
Mrs.Pruet

From: Scott Sartor
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 7:48 PM
Subject: FCC broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr. Powell, Ms. Abernathy, Mr. Copps, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Adelstein,

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Sincerely,

Scott Sartor
Olive Branch, MS 38654

From: Charlton Family
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 8:40 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Tena Charlton
Bakersfield, CA 93304-4551

From: Tom Evans
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 8:49 PM
Subject: A few reasons to defeat the media law change

Dear Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

If it is a Republican wish to see wealth distributed to folks who work hard and do not depend on Federal handouts then please don't give a Federal handout to big media. Look what happened when big oil got deregulated. Twenty years ago there was a Shell station near my home. Because oil companies were forbidden by law to run local stations as well as market gasoline and oil products it was leased to a private individual who ran it as a local business. I expect it made him a good deal of money. He ran a wonderful car wash which I patronized often. Then, suddenly big oil seemed to have the power to put him out of business and take over the station and run it themselves--I'm not sure on whose watch this change in law was effected but I hazard a guess it was on Ronald Reagan's watch. Result: They tore down the old station including the fine car wash, built a big new convenience store with the result that our local community lost a fine landmark, a swell car wash and who knows what happened to the local operator.

The same kind of loss of good middle class income for gas station operators can result if big media gets it way with the law change you are considering. The same kind of loss of individualistic local outlets (goodbye car wash) can happen to our newspapers and TV stations. I was visiting in Staunton, VA a few days ago and learned that the local paper was now owned by Gannett with the result that the big corporation used the small paper as a training ground. Result: no local folks to speak of on the staff--just young folks passing through on their way to promotions to larger markets. No staff who had any real interest and background concerning the local community about which they were supposedly reporting. Who knows better what the needs of local folks might be than local reporters and editors and publishers?

I am a Democrat, but I am trying to use Republican arguments to help you find the necessity of defeating this change in media law. Support business if you must. Give them the baby if you must, but please leave us the bathwater.

Tom Evans
159 Fisher St.
Hanover, IN 47243

From: Don
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 9:03 PM
Subject: June 2 meeting

We as a people of one nation should look very hard at whose interest it would be in for a select few to control the majority of the media . As for me I would like to see a diversity in coverage of any news item rather than to hear the same scripted broadcast from every television channel radio station and newspaper.
Please vote your conscious and vote for the people and not the corporation.

Respectfully
Don Gray

From: jrcoffman
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 9:05 PM
Subject: rules fcc

Dear FCC Committee:

Two points; First, there are pizza businesses in my community, and as the number rises and falls or remains constant, so does the cost of a pizza. Second, If I fall outside of the conduct needed by the employer to produce their goods or service, they'll need to replace me with someone who will help produce.

As I have heard, and read the views, some of which are some of yours and of course those corporations or entities pushing for change and against it, my view is; Change of antiquated rules can be a good thing. But that change, in this case, should not snuff out the diversity that comes along with the competition put forth by many businesses. Any logic that comes up with the elimination of varied views in favor of a few is severely flawed, and reprehensible. As you are a representative of the people of our country in this governmental agency, please don't rule against us! I don't want to wake up one morning and find out there is only one pizza business in town and the large with one item is a hundred dollars.

Thank You for reading This.

James Coffman

And thank you Mr. Copps for your thoughtful reply

From: Rich12332@cs.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 9:40 PM
Subject: RIAA Federal Law closed 95% of all the small Internet Radio stations

Almost everyone except those that have experienced the media moguls control do not know about the RIAA Federal Law passed this last year. There were thousands of Internet Radio stations streaming music and talk radio over the Internet until the large media groups like Bonneville International (Orin Hatch) and the other got together and passed a very complex bill through congress which makes it almost impossible to comply with because of all the expense of the many different reports and costs just the Internet Radio streamer have to comply with, but the land, terrestrial broadcaster are not required to do.

When this bill was passed 95% of all the small Internet Radio stations were closed down because they were unable to comply with the cost and technicalities of this new very complex law just for Internet Radio.

It was passed to do away with the competition the big media groups did not want on the market.

From: Del Silverman
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 9:45 PM
Subject: Please Do Not Change the Rules

Dear Chairman Powell:
Please help us continue to get our news from MANY sources, not a few media giants!

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San Carlos, CA 94070
(650)368-0880

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Sam Sullivan
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 9:52 PM
Subject: Pleasedo not change present regulations

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please leave the rules as is--we want to hear differing viewpoints, not enrich a few companies that will control all the media outlets!

Thank you,
Sam Sullivan

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein